

City of Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes for May 2011 Meeting
May 9th, 2011 6:30 pm
City of Norman Municipal Complex
201 West Gray, Study Session Room

(1) Roll Call—6:35 p.m.

- Members present: Alicia Boscarelli, John Joyce, Leslie Harrison, Gary Miller, Paul Minnis, Sarah Reichardt, Helen Robertson, Neil Suneson, Tobin Vigil
- Ex-officio members present: Angelo Lombardi, James Briggs
- Guests: Dave Spaulding (council member, Ward 5), David Littlejohn (bikemapnorman.org), Jeff Schmidt (OU), Sam Corbett (Alta Planning & Design), Michelle Carr (BLN), John ? (ACOG).

(2) Approval of April 2011 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were accepted with no corrections.

(3) Agenda

A. Bike-friendly application announcement (James)

Norman received bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community status from the League of American Bicyclists.

B. Campus/city bike planning (Jeff Schmidt (OU), Alta representative)

Sam Corbett of Alta Planning and Design presented the preliminary OU bicycle master plan. Connecting with the city of Norman plan was a priority. Alta considered corridors, uses of campus buildings, and demand for routes to various buildings.

Showed pictures of suggested improvements. Everyone agreed it looked better than what we have now. Some discussion about plans for the Asp Ave.-Lindsey St. intersection—Paul feels squidgy about it, suggested routing cyclists onto road between dorms and Lindsey.

James offered Alta more updated city information so the OU plans will sync with city planning. Brief discussion of the advantages of back-in angle parking and how that might work on Asp Ave., especially on Campus Corner.

C. Norman Conquest (Michelle Carr)

The 2011 Norman Conquest will be held July 16, beginning and ending at the JD McCarty Center on Robinson. The routes are not finalized yet, and the BLN is looking for suggestions as to road construction and safety. Michelle gave Angelo a map of the routes under consideration. Angelo will check the list of capital projects and notify Michelle if there are any issues with the planned routes.

D. www.bikemapnorman.org (David Littlejohn)

David described the website he has created which offers free online interactive maps of bike routes in Norman and the vicinity. The site has been getting a lot of hits, and he is planning to add other points of interest to bicyclists (i.e., bike shops). Gary said he would put a link to the site on the BLN website.

E. Bike to Work Day (James)

James passed out maps for the 2011 Bike to Work Day rides on May 20. Everyone on the committee chose a ride to participate in. John discussed the importance of the rides for raising awareness of cycling in the city, and stressed that bike routes and trails add economic development. Paul suggested drawing in the Chamber of Commerce to increase the profile of the event.

John handed out maps illustrating the ACOG 2035 plan for increasing bike routes in central Oklahoma.

F. Collision reports (Angelo)

Angelo presented a “beyond the numbers” look at the collision statistics for the city of Norman, based on NPD reports. Interesting notes are that crosswalks figure in almost 2/3 of the collisions, and 67 percent of them occurred within a 1.5-mile radius of the intersection of Main St. and Porter. Riding on the sidewalk is no longer illegal; this may have something to do with the crosswalk issue. Paul asked for more information about the actual collisions so the committee could discuss ways to improve safety. Angelo said he would get the information for the fall update.

G. City of Norman updates (Angelo, James, all)

Angelo reported that the city-wide striping pre-construction meeting is next week, with work expected to be carried out within the next few months.

James reported that the city of Norman’s webpage for the bike program has been updated.

Angelo reported on discussions with ODOT concerning the Highway 9 improvements. Asked committee members to go to the ODOT website and comment on the project, in particular asking for:

- Coordination with the city of Norman to allow a multi-modal path to be built.
- That the bridge over Dave Blue Creek include room for a multi-modal path to cross the creek.
- Efficient use of taxpayer monies by working with city of Norman.

H. Other status reports (All)

- Enforcement: Sarah invited Tim Smith, but he didn't come.
- I. BAC chair election (all)
Paul nominated Gary Miller as the next BAC chair. Motion was approved unanimously. Alicia Boscarelli will replace Gary as secretary.

(4) New Business (as time permits)

John announced that the Hospital Healthy Communities Coalition is putting its name behind two October events: a youth trail event on the 15th, and Wheel Fun on the 29th.

(5) Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn and passed. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.